(c) and (d) The scheme covers areas of educationally backward minorities identified as such by the Ministry of Welfare Areas of Andhra Pradesh which fall in the category would also qualify for assistance under the scheme.

Excavations at Dholavira In Gujarat

2184. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the excavations being carried out by the ASI at Dholavira village in Gujarat's Great Rann of Kutch;

(b) whether Government have any proposal to declare Dholavira a protected monument; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) The excavations at Dholavira, District Kutch, Gujarat are being carried out by the Archaeological Survey of India, intermittently, since 1990. The excavations have brought to light typical Harappan planning, water harvesting and storage systems, funerary structures, inscriptions, seal, sealings, weights and pottery characterising the successive cultural stages covering a time-span beginning from the 3rd millennium B.C. ending around 1500 B.C.

(b) and (c) The Archaeological Survey of India, has already taken steps to declare the site at Dholavira, District Kutch, Gujarat as a Centrally protected site vide a preliminary notification as provided under rules.

Repair of Somnath Temple in Gujarat

2185. SHRIMATI URMILAREN ChIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the big damage to the Somnath Temple in Gujarat;

(b) if so, whether Government have initiated any steps to repair it; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R BOMMA1): (a) Soronath temple is not under central protection, but is managed by a trust. There are no reports of any damage to the temple.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Closure of NCERT's Office at Trivandrum

2186. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an office of the Field Adviser of the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) functioning at Trivandrum from 1970 onwards;

(b) whether there is a proposal to dose this office and to amalgamate it with the Regional Institute of Education, Mysore;

(c) whether it is a fact that NCERT has three regional offices in Karnataka, at present; and

(d) if so, the reasons for the decision to close the only office at Trivandrum and to merge it with NCERT's office at Mysore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Council has one Regional Institute of Education at Mysore and two regional centres at Bangalore.

(d) The Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India instituted an abbreviated review on the NCERT, which inter alia included the review of functioning of the offices of the Field Advisers and Regional Colleges of Education of the NCERT. The Review recommended that the Regional Colleges of Education may be converted into

Regional Institutes of Education with a Standing Committee on each State set up in each regional centre and there will be no need to maintain Field Advisers. In view of the above, the Council decided that all offices of the Field Advisers may be phased out by March 1997

Vacant Posts of Lecturers in Allahabad University

2187. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of posts of Lecturers are lying vacant in Allahabad University, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that not a single meeting of the Selection Committee has been convened since 1983 in English Department of the University;

(c) the criteria for convening the Selection Committee meeting convened in respect of Hindi Department in the last three years;

(d) the sanctioned strength of English Department vis-a-vis the actual strength as on date and how the deficit is being managed; and

(e) how long the eligible persons shall have to wait for the meeting of the Selection Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Tabic of the House.

हिंदी भाषा को हतोत्साहित करने वाले स्कूलों के संबध में कार्यवाही किया जाना

2188. **श्री शिव चरण सिंह** :

श्री गोविन्दराम मिरी :

क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि **:**

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान13 फरवरी, 1997 के "दैनिक जागरण" के दिल्ली संस्करण में "स्कूल में हिंदी बोलने पर सौ-सौ रूपये जुर्माना" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की और दिलाया गया है,

(ख) यदि हां, तो उन स्कूलो के नाम क्या है और क्या सरकार इस संबध में कार्यवाही किए जाने के लिए निर्देश जारी करने पर विचार कर रही है,

(ग) क्या भविष्य में ऐसे स्कूलों के संचालन पर कोई प्रतिबंध लगाए जाने की संभावना है, और

(घ) यदि हां, तो कब तक और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण है?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय में शिक्षा विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (**श्री मुही राम सैकिया**): (क) से (घ) जी हां। राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र दिल्ली सरकार ने सूचित किया है कि प्रधानाचार्य,माउन्ट कार्मेल स्कूल, आनन्द निकेतन,नई दिल्ली ने अंग्रेजी न बोलने पर कुछ छात्रों पर जुर्माना किया है । राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र, दिल्ली सरकार दिल्ली विद्यालय शिक्षा अधिनियम तथा नियम 1973 के अधीन जो उचित समझे कार्रवाई कर सकती है ।

Functioning of Visva Bharati University

2189. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the functioning of the Visva Bharati University at Santinikctan has been seriously affected because of uncertainities over the availability of the incumbent Acharya; and

(b) whether any changes in the statute are proposed so as to ensure that there is no impasse in the University's affairs because of the non-functioning of the Acharya?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) Acharya (Chancellor) in Visva-Bharati performs largely formal and ceremonial roles which do not relate to the ordinary business of the University. This role being analogous to Chancellors of other Universities, no statutory change with regard to the role of Acharya is contemplated.